

NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

March 5, 2009

Tillamook State Forest Offices

Tillamook, OR

The meeting was called to order by Shirley Kalkhoven, Chair. The following members and guests attended:

Marty Andersen—ODOT Sr Roads Engr
Ken Bell—Port of Tillamook Bay
Paul Benoit—City of Astoria
Rita Bernhart—Columbia Co Commission
Ron Bline—Sunset Empire Transit District
Brett Estes—City of Astoria
David Hess—Port of Astoria
Katie Gauthier—US Senator Merkley
Mark Gervasi—City of Tillamook
Vicki Goodman—VLG Consulting
Kevin Greenwood—City of Garibaldi
Greg Hinkelman—City of Clatskanie
Jim Hunt—Clatsop Co Private Sector
Shirley Kalkhoven—City of Nehalem
Bob Kenny—Tillamook Co Transit
David Kim—ODOT Region 1

George Kirkham—Pacific City/Nestucca CC
Mark Labhart—Tillamook County
Larry McKinley—ODOT Region 2
Matt Mumford—Tillamook County Transit
Andy Neal—Tillamook County Chamber
David Neys—ODOT Region 2
Don Otterman—North Plains
Carol Parker—City of Warrenton
William Pollard—Tillamook County resident
Rich Riley—Rockaway Beach
Kathy Sanders—Port of Astoria
Dave Schrom—Tillamook Co Public Works
Ed Wegner—Clatsop County Public Works
Ingrid Weisenbach—ODOT Region 2
Lianne Welch—Tillamook Co Public Works
Janet Wright—Columbia County

Excused: Clark Berry, Seth Brumley, Ray McFarlane

1. NWACT Minutes/Updates:

- Approval of January 8, 2009 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (DO/RB). Members wished Ray McFarlane well.
- Public Comment—Bill Pollard talked about the disintegrating condition of Hwy 101 between mileposts 76 and 92. Hwy 22 also has areas with potential slumping, only gets emergency repairs. Need to modernize and upgraded, important for public safety, freight transportation, and movement of auto traffic. George Kirkham from Pacific City echoed the concerns regarding Hwys 22 and 101. Bob Kenny noted that his granddaughter was killed last December on Hwy 101.
- Legislative Comment—Katie Gauthier from Senator Merkley's office introduced herself. SB 440 proposes to eliminate restrictions on how funds are spent. Tourism industry is opposed as they want transportation funding to be spent on transportation infrastructure; local jurisdictions want to be able to use some of the funds for public services when needed.
- ODOT Updates—Region 1: Ron Larsen, formerly with Otek in Nehalem is going to work as a construction project manager for ODOT. Been working on State Stimulus Projects, particularly GO OREGON 2009, which will be renovating public facilities. Doing the same on the Federal funding coming to Oregon, both ODOT projects and local transportation projects. Work will be available for private contractors. Nothing has changed in terms of ongoing projects in the region from last meeting. Region 2: A couple of months left on Young's Bay Bridge, getting ready to start repainting and replacing trusses on the Megler Bridge, working with the Corp of Engineers on scoping of Beerman Creek portion of Hwy 101. Will finish Latimer Rd this Spring, contract for 12th to Farmer Creek preservation will let this April. Will be able to rebuild a portion of the road with the addition of \$8 million stimulus funding. Trask River bridge painting is almost done. Mohler Bridge completed prior to visitor season, and Neah-Kan-Nie Wall will start later this Spring. Pull-outs along south Hwy 101 are being done. City of Astoria will be updating its TSP. Tuesday night held a stakeholder advisory meeting on Hwy 101/Hwy 6 interchange improvement options.
- Tillamook County Transportation—Looks as though Lohman Bridge will likely have to be replaced due to flooding damage. Also been working on stimulus project applications.
- Port of Astoria—Air service is starting March 15th, funded in part from a ConnectOregon II grant.

2. Economic Stimulus Funding

ODOT will be allocating the federal stimulus funding using the STP formula. \$5 million is being set aside for cities under 5,000 in population. Project selection criteria has not been decided, but will be worked out for the smaller cities. Thirty percent of the projects received in November were from small cities. Funds will be spent 50% on state roads, 30% for county roads, and 20% for cities larger than 10,000 in population.